

CIRCUIT COURT.

Hon. James Stuart, Judge, Owensboro.
E. Board, Clerk, Hardinsburg.
V. G. Dabagge, Master Commissioner, Hardinsburg.
D. E. Richardson, Sheriff, Union Star.
Dep. Attorneys—C. M. McElhiney, Union Star; John Alexander, Hardinsburg; C. W. Moorman, Cloverport, and G. W. Board, Hardinsburg.
Court convenes second Mondays in April and November, and continues two weeks each term.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Hon. J. A. Murray, Judge, Cloverport.
Hon. Joseph Hays, Attorney, Owensboro.
E. Board, Clerk, Hardinsburg.
John Slater, Father, Hardinsburg.
Court begins first Mondays in June and December, and continues two weeks each term.

COUNTY COURT.

Milton Board, Judge, Hardinsburg.
G. F. Kelly, Clerk, Hardinsburg.
W. K. Barnes, Attorney, Hardinsburg.
Court begins on the third Monday in each month.

QUARTERLY COURT.

Convenes fourth Mondays in March, June, September and December.

COURT OF CLAIMS.

Sits the third Mondays in January and November.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Len Cushman, Assessor, Webster.
J. H. Board, Surveyor, Louisville.
Harvey Brandfield, Coroner, Union Star.
N. M. Mercer, School Commissioner, Hardinsburg.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

HARDINSBURG CHURCH.

Methodist Episcopal Church (South).—Rev. W. W. Board, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7 o'clock p. m. Class meeting every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Sabbath School at 2 o'clock p. m. Dr. J. M. Taylor, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Oakland.—Preaching every 24th Sabbath at 3 o'clock p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.

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The Song.

WHEN THE TIDE GOES OUT.

Full white moon upon a waste of ocean,
High full tide upon the sandy shore;
To the fisher's cot, without a motion,
Waiteth he that shall never sail more—
Waiteth he, and one and comrades, sighing,
Speaking lowly, says, "Without a doubt
He will rest soon; some One calls the dying
When the tide goes out."

Some One calls the tide, when in its flowing
It hath touched the limits of its bound;
Some great Voice; and all the billows, knowing
What omnipotence is in that sound,
Hasten back to ocean, none delaying
For man's profit, pleasure or doubt—
Backward to their source, not one wave stray-
ing!

And the tide is out.
Some One calls the soul of life's dark ocean,
When its tide breaks o'er the land,
And it listens with such glad emotion
As the "called" alone can understand—
Listens, harkens to its source of being,
Leaves the sands of Time without a doubt,
While we sadly wait, as yet but seeing
That the tide is out.

The Story.

JOHN DAX.

A Romance of Poverty.

BY F. W. ROBINSON.

CHAPTER II.—MR. DAX'S DECEASE.

When it was Ellen Morison's turn to keep watch and ward behind the counter of the little shop in Gibbon Street, John Dax saw but little of the younger sister. Ellen was equally kind in her quiet way, equally gentle and sympathetic in her patronage, but the kindness and the patronage were not Mary's.

One evening in Ellen's week, John Dax became more absent and confused than ordinary, and Ellen, an observant young woman, even when work was pressing, detected a change in his demeanor before he had put up the third shutter of the shop, and nearly succeeded in driving the corner of it through the upper glass window.

When he came in for shutter No. 4 she said without looking up from her work, "Is anything the matter, John?"

"Yes, there is—a little matter," he said in a hesitating manner.

"Are you ill?" asked Ellen Morison.

"No, I ain't ill," answered John Dax, "but the old man is."

"Your father?"

"Yes; he's going off the hooks at last." John was not refined in his discourse—even in his grief the poor fellow was slangy; and there was real grief at the bottom of his heart for the man who had brought him up badly, and been never grateful for a son's attention.

Ellen Morison said a few words of comfort to him, quoted one or two texts applicable to his condition, and stitched on in her usual swift and silent manner. John listened, nodded gravely, and went away, returned a moment afterward, and leaned across the counter to say, in a husky voice, "Tell her."

"Tell whom?" asked Ellen Morison, surprised.

"Miss Mary; she was asking after the governor last week."

Ellen moved her head slightly, as if in acquiescence.

"She is well, I suppose?" asked John, glancing across at the wire blind.

"She is quite well, thank you," answered the older sister.

"She was looking very pale last week, I fancied," said John.

Miss Morison did not reply to this, and John, after waiting a minute, as if for his answer, took himself off the premises.

He went straight to the squalid home where Mr. John Dax, senior, was getting "off the hooks," as rapidly as possible, and in a manner as uncomfortable to himself and to those concerned in his demise as it was possible for him to select. Mr. Dax, senior, could not lie composedly in his bed, but insisted upon sitting in a half-reclined position in the very center of it, with a lean claw clenching at each side of the sheets, with his crutch across his knees, and two small eyes blinking furiously at his son. He had loved his son John in his life; but in his dying moments he was equally consistent, and he swore at him hard and fast when the death-rattle in his throat ceased sufficiently to allow of a clear expression of opinion.

He told John as well as his falling breath would permit that he was not going to die; that he had no intention of making himself such an infernal fool as that to please any body; that the parish doctor was a howling idiot, and didn't know his business; and that John had been the worst fool and idiot of the whole kit of 'em in Gibbon Street to fetch a doctor to see what was the matter with him, when there wasn't any blamed blooming thing the matter, as any one could see. He could set up; he was strong and jolly as ever, and meant to sit up too; and if they tried to make him lie down and go to sleep—why he didn't want to go to sleep—sleepy thing he knew, he'd brain them with his crutch.

John Dax remained his neck and uncomplaining son to the last; his father's objections did not affect him; his wish to be of service to the dying man was only the more strikingly apparent as the hours drew on upon carrying this harsh life along with them to the outer gate.

The lodgers in the same house in the same court, crept in one by one to look at the old man, almost dead, and the little dirty room at times so curious were they about him, and so interested in the future of poor John. They were of all shades of poverty, of honesty and dishonesty, but

they were all interested in the demise of Mr. Dax, and were, a few of them, so dis-regarding of Mr. Dax's feelings as to congratulate the son on getting rid at last of the old brute. Meanwhile the old brute raved and shrieked and blasphemed, and told them all again that he was not going to die, and cursed them for coming in to contradict him. When he got very weak, and there were all the pillows and bundles in the room at the back of him to prop him in the position which he had assumed, and to which he faintly clung still, he called John to him and asked how much money he had earned that day.

John told him he had earned nothing, upon which he began to whimper, seeing, as he said, nothing but the workhouse ahead of him with such a beastly, lazy son upon his hands. Presently he wandered in his mind, and talked about his mattress being uncomfortable for him, and then of bequeathing his mattress to some hospital, so that his son should not have the enjoyment of it after him, but lie like a dog in the streets and on the stones. After which he let himself completely free of "the hooks," protesting to the last that he was never better in his life, and that he should go out to-morrow, if it was fine, and sing "Poor Tom Bowering," down the Borough.

The next morning John Dax knocked at the door of the repository, and was agreeably surprised to find it was Mary Morison who admitted him. He had arrived a quarter of an hour earlier than usual, and Mary was the first down stairs.

"You are before your time, John," she said, as she began to unscrew the inner bolt of the shutters.

"Yes, I thought I'd come earlier—I couldn't rest."

"What is the matter, then?"

"The governor died in the night. I said that he would."

"Your father died?" exclaimed Mary. "I am very sorry for you."

"Thank you," answered John; "it's kind to say so. You've been expecting it, mayhap."

"No, I've not."

"Didn't Miss Ellen tell you last night I thought it would be soon?"

"No."

"Oh! she forgot, I suppose."

"Very likely," answered Mary; "she is busy just now."

John thought of this reply after he had taken the shutters down, and was disposed to believe that there was a lack of sympathy with his orphanage, until Mary said: "Is there anything I can do to help you in this distress, John?"

"God bless yer, miss, nothink," he blurted forth.

"I'm afraid you can not do much for yourself, my poor fellow."

"I must leave it to the parish," said John; "they won't do it very neat—but I ain't going in for style!"

When John Dax got home, he found that the parish officials had been extra diligent in the matter of his father's demise, and had already deposited the defunct gentleman in a long and high-shouldered watch-box, which was smeared with slate colored paint to give it a mourning aspect. They had numbered the box, and scrawled Dax in chalk on the lid, and had left him with or down stairs lodger that the funeral would take place to-morrow, with five more ladies and gentlemen in a similar unpleasant condition, at the parish cemetery at three in the afternoon, and that Mr. John Dax had better be there to the minute if he thought it worth his while to attend.

Meanwhile, Mr. Dax, senior, was left in a corner of the room to be fetched as soon as the registration of death was effected, and two other little jobs in the same court had been finished with extraordinary punctuality and dispatch, the weather being warm, an epidemic raging in the Lambeth slums, and one or two vestrymen living too close to them to be comfortable.

John Dax sat down on the corner of the old brown mattress, from which they had taken his father, and tried to think it all out as well as his poor faculties would allow, mixing up the death in Gibbon Street with the life that went on in Gibbon Street in a strange fashion, and feeling the lack of his father, and of his father's tyranny, in a strange fashion, too. He did not shed any tears—he would have been puzzled to know what he should cry for, the absence of Mr. Dax in the flesh was even then a relief to him—but he was dull and dispirited for all that, and the old room did not seem the same to him.